

GAVE UP HIS LIFE

Sad Story of Edward Murphy's Suffering.

FULL 37 YEARS IN PRISON

He is Released With His Mind Unbalanced and Meets His Death From a Railway Accident.

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 3.—A remarkable story of the life of an ex-convict, who suffered half his lifetime as a prisoner behind the walls of the state prison here for a crime of which he was innocent, is then pardoned, has been revealed in the complications which ex-Warden General Humphrey has just made public. Edward Murphy is the name of this modern Jean Valjean who met his death a day or so ago in a railroad accident near here. He was born eighty-two years ago in Ireland, but ran away when a lad, working his passage to America. He followed the sea for some years. Going to Chicago later, he fell in love and was married. Having saved a little money, he purchased a small farm near Lockport, Ill. Several children were born to the couple, then the mother died. Two years after he married Bridget Mehan, but a little over a year after the second marriage Murphy suddenly left home and sailed on a vessel up the lakes. The first mate, John Williams, was a drinking man and almost the sailors, Murphy among the number. At Macineo Murphy quit the vessel in the night, and within two hours of his going, Williams was stabbed and killed. In the Solitary.

Three years later Murphy was arrested in Chicago and identified as the murderer by a sailor named Carson. He was confined on the testimony of Carson and the reward of \$500 was paid to those who arrested him. He spent seven years in the "Solitary." When he went in his hair was as black as ink, when he came out, on the abolition of the solitary system, it was white. He knew very little, his mind being affected. Many moves were subsequently made to have him pardoned, but nothing came of the efforts, as all believed him guilty. After many years, Jack Carson, dying in Chicago from a stab received in a prison row, confessed that he killed Williams and caused the arrest of Murphy for the double purpose of securing himself and securing half the reward. At once a movement was set on foot for Murphy's release, and seven years ago, after an incarceration of thirty-seven years, the much-wronged man was freed. When Murphy left the prison he either had forgotten all about his family in Illinois, or was pained at them, for he did not go near them. He became a burden on the country, and later his case was taken to the Legislature and by special enactment he was granted a life annuity of \$300.

Spent Money Foolishly. He spent much of his money foolishly buying what he did not need. He always dressed in rags, carried dilapidated umbrellas, and wore a big hat, either white or black, fantastically bedecked with red-white-and-blue ribbons or pieces of flannel. He had been a familiar figure about the streets for the past seven years, followed by a crowd of children, of whom he was fond. Many letters were found on his person after death from relatives in all parts of the world, which he had kept a secret from those who knew him. Charles Murphy, a wealthy ranchman, writes from his home in Australia, under date of May 20, 1885, calling him "brother." Another, "No. 14 Pickwick street, off Park road, Liverpool," and Ann Considine, "Ballarat, Australia," both sisters, and Margaret Leary, Longshing, Liverpool, also a sister, writing, sending him a "docket for half a sovereign." Barnaby Murphy, a son, sent a letter dated August 3, 1883, from Goodings Grove, Wilt county, Ill., saying he could get a lawyer to get his father out of prison for \$500.

TESTING THE LAW.

The Mortgage Tax Law Has a Hearing in the Supreme Court.

LANSING, Feb. 3.—Orders to show cause were granted in Petrie vs. Muskegon circuit judge; and other cases; mandamus was granted in Le Grand Wheeler vs. Board of Public Works of Muskegon; mandamus was sought to compel the allowance of his account.

Thursday's call, 32, 72, 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89.

The principal burden of defending the law fell upon the attorney general, he covering all the points upon which it was attacked, while Mr. McDonald covered only that with reference to taxation of bank security. Mr. Ellis made an able effort in behalf of the law, but was hardly content to rest the case upon its merits without indulging in more or less sentiment, and quoted plausibly eight and nine of the republican state platform of 1890, and declared that the act as passed was in no sense a political measure, that there was no division from a political standpoint, and now before the law had any trial whatever, and, in consequence of a wall which comes up ostensibly in the interest of the borrower it is demanded that it be abandoned.

Justice Champlin made the closing and a very able argument, and cited several cases coming under his own experience showing the ineffective and unjust operation of the law. He held that it proposed to take the property of one man to pay the obligations of another in violation of the constitution of the state. There were no arguments upon the feature of returning to the county system or to the claim that it was tampered with on its way from the legislature to the governor. It is considered certain that the provisions of the law extend to contracts made before its passage, and it is strongly contended that this alone is sufficient to render it unconstitutional on account of a violation of contracts. A new French Catholic church has just been completed at Lehigh.

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Latest Michigan Pensioners.

Fred S. Richardson, Daniel S. Walden, Edwin Andrews, Benjamin Kaeceni, Nathaniel Harrington, Harry J. Ward, Carter B. Granger, Martin Brooks, James S. S. John Covinsky, Joel Dunn, Samuel Fowler, Thomas C. Fisher, Joseph H. Wymer, James McDonough, Almon Griffith, George W. Archer, George M. Smith, Charles A. White, John H. Dix, Francis H. Hall.

Edwin Lindsey, Edward S. Hallenbeck, William H. Kellogg, Robert Donnelly, Green S. Beatty, William H. Murphy, George Bradley, William H. Murphy, Jacob F. Clark, Narcissus Ahar, Alex Jones, Charles Zies, Carl Maxon, Alex Brenne, Darius B. Smith, Degrove W. Shipman, Lewis B. Force, Isaac Whipple, Benjamin Cheesewick, Frederick J. Shapp, Bernat Speros, Lewis M. Bark, Melvin Eldred, Frank Bedell, Eugene Waters, Supplemental—Levert B. Owen, Increase—Levi Mudgett, David Heims, James L. Shultz, Joseph Lathrop, Release—Harry Durkee, Original widows, etc.—Mary Jane Badger (mother), Charlotte Hutchins, Julia A. Campbell, Melissa B. Rice, minor of William Kyles.

Michigan's Railway Earnings.

LANSING, Feb. 3.—The earning statement issued from the commissioner of railroads today, shows the earnings of Michigan railroads for November, 1891, to be \$7,406,185.05, same month 1890, \$6,892,745.25; increase for 1891, \$513,439.80; total earnings from January 1 to December 1, 1891, \$87,688,855.77, same period 1890, \$85,323,039.56; increase for 1891, \$2,365,816.21, or a percent of 2.75.

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Dr. James A. Manger, druggist, of Freeport, has been arrested upon a charge of selling drugs and medicines without being a registered pharmacist. He has kept a drug store twenty-eight years, and will raise the question whether or not it is necessary for an old practicing physician to pass a pharmaceutical examination.

There is a man residing in Jackson who can boast of having tried a diet of dog's meat as a panacea for consumption, and he is alive and hearty after the venture. He ate the meat of four puppies and says the meat tastes like rabbits, but needs to be fat to down the consumption and tastes good.

The Hon. Samuel Sigourney Lacey, ex-commissioner of the state land office, ex-collector of internal revenue, ex-county clerk and ex-postmaster, died at his home in Marshall Tuesday. He was born in Bennington, Vt., May 28, 1815, and is therefore nearly 77 years old.

Mark Rapson of Nashville, was assaulted by three highwaymen in Charlotte and was left insensible in an alley. He had displayed some money in the day, but had deposited it before going out to secure his whisky jug and before meeting the thugs. He will recover.

A child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph living near St. Joseph which is absolutely without eyes, their being no cavities where the orbs of vision should be located. The child is strong and healthy and perfectly developed otherwise.

The receiver of the defunct City National bank of Marshall has just issued a second dividend of 40 per cent, thereby putting into circulation about \$65,000 which has been locked up during the past seven months.

Isabella county speculators are buying Indian lands as fast as the redskins will sell. One foxy redskin succeeded in selling his property to eight different white men and then disappeared with the boodle.

Lawyer E. A. Crane of Kalamazoo has brought suit against the Michigan Central railroad for \$50,000 for killing his son Daniel A. Crane at a crossing in Comstock township in 1890.

The girls at St. Ignace complain of the selfishness of the young men who spend their money for cigars and never invite the fair ones for a sleigh ride or to the theater.

The Port Huron Agricultural and Driving Park association will not hold a fair this year but instead will give three race meetings and hang up \$20,000 in prizes.

Mackinac City's only paper is the organ of the Presbyterian Sunday school and many citizens think that the town could support a weekly newspaper.

Money lenders at the "Soo" are foreclosing their mortgages as fast as they can and taking their money to states where mortgages are not taxed.

George Kuhl, proprietor of the Huron house at Port Huron, has purchased the Pacific house and now controls the two leading hotels of the city.

There are many peaceful and orderly persons in Livingston county. There was only one case on the docket of the circuit court for this term.

A fruit boom is in progress in Mason county and many acres will be planted with fruit trees during the coming season. Land is going up.

The new transfer steamer for the straits of Mackinac will be able to take twenty-four cars of twenty tons each across at a time.

C. Herlick of Marquette, has invented a fireman's helmet. It is patterned somewhat on the style of a diving apparatus.

Frank Smith, a Ludington lad, while playing with a revolver shot and fatally injured a playmate named George Weaver.

Mrs M. J. Case's stock of jewelry has been at Kalamazoo on a chattel mortgage of \$500 held by a Coldwater bank.

Mike Benson of Crystal Falls, borrowed some money, got drunk, and nothing has been seen of him since.

The new soldiers' monument at Three Rivers, which will cost over \$2,500, will be dedicated next Memorial day.

Ontonagon is in need of twenty-five dwelling houses, and wants some one to come there and erect them.

The grip has such a firm hold on Tekonah that it compelled the closing of the public schools.

Elder Jones of Kalamazoo has been acquitted of the charge of stealing canned fruit.

A new French Catholic church costing \$20,000 was dedicated at Menominee on Tuesday.

Half a dozen girls were arrested in Calumet the other day for being disorderly.

Chelsea has a metropolitan feeling now as the town is lighted with electric lights.

Chicago capitalists have bought \$34,000 worth of bonds from Bessemer.

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Miss Mauds Wyman, a niece of Bret Harte, is one of the young poets on the Pacific slope who is inspiring critical judgment with no little interest in her work.

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